



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6 AND 7, 2014**

**Fresno City Council Chambers
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA**

The public meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board was called to order on May 6, 2014 at 3:08 p.m. at the Fresno City Council Chambers, Fresno, CA.

Members Present: Mr. Dan Richard, Chair
Mr. Tom Richards, Vice-Chair
Mr. Jim Hartnett, Vice-Chair
Ms. Lynn Schenk
Ms. Katherine Perez-Estolano
Mr. Richard Frank
Ms. Thea Selby

Members Absent: Mr. Patrick Henning
Mr. Mike Rossi

Minutes prepared in the order items were presented during the meeting.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Agenda Item #1 - Approval of Board Minutes from April 10, 2014 Meeting

Moved by Vice-Chair Hartnett. Ms. Schenk seconded the motion. The Meeting Minutes were approved (6-0).

Agenda Item #2 - Staff Presentation on the Fresno to Bakersfield Section Final Project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement and Supporting and Related Documents such as any Errata (collectively, "Final EIR/EIS")

Diana Gomez and Mark McLoughlin presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered.

Agenda Item #3 - Public Comment

An opportunity was made for public comment on all Agenda and Non-Agenda items. Speakers commented on a variety of topics. All persons who submitted a Comment Card (request to address the Board) prior to 7:30 p.m. were heard. Time allotted for public comment was increased to three minutes (versus two). Comments submitted in writing were also accepted by the Board Secretary for review by the Board.

The Board went into recess at 7:38 p.m.

The public meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board returned from recess on May 7, 2014 at 10:14 a.m. at the Fresno City Council Chambers, Fresno, CA.

Agenda Item #4 - Summary of and Brief Staff Response to Comments Received May 6 on Fresno to Bakersfield Section Final EIR/EIS

Addressing the Board were: Diana Gomez, Mark McLoughlin, Andrew Bane, and Jim Andrew. Staff summarized the major subject areas of public comment received the previous day and responded to those comments and concerns.

Agenda Item #5 - Consider Certification of the Fresno to Bakersfield Section Final EIR/EIS under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Jim Andrew presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered. Moved by Mr. Frank. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Hartnett.

Resolution #HSRA 14-09 was approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #6 - Consider Approval of the Preferred Alternative project from Southern Edge of Already-Approved Fresno Mariposa Street High-Speed Train (HST) Station Location to approximately 7th Standard Road near Bakersfield, including a Station in Kings-Tulare Area, and Related Decisions Making CEQA Findings and Approving Mitigation Program.

Jim Andrew presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered. Two amendments to the Resolution were suggested by Board Members and agreed upon. Moved by Vice-Chair Richards. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schenk. Resolution #HSRA 14-10 was approved 7-0 with stipulated amendments.

A brief recess was taken prior to moving on to Agenda Item #7.

Agenda Item #7 - Consider Amendment to Financial Advisor Contract for Time Only/Direct Staff to Resolicit Financial Advisor Services

Jeff Morales presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered. Moved by Vice-Chair Hartnett. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Richards. Resolution #HSRA 14-11 was approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #8 - Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to Offset HST Construction Emissions in the San Joaquin Valley Air District Boundaries.

Jeff Morales and Jim Andrew presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered. Moved by Ms. Schenk. The motion was seconded by Mr. Frank.

Resolution #HSRA 14-12 was approved 7-0.

The Board adjourned at 12:42 p.m.